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SUBJECT: PAO KIDNAPPING - MORE ON DETENTION OF LA NOTICIA
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1. ON OCTOBER 1, GODR FORMALLY PLACED CHARGES AGAINST
LA NOTICIA EDITOR AND CHIEF COPYWRITER, LIC. SILVIO
HERASMI PENA AND LUIS EDUARDO LORA, RESPECTIVELY, FOR
COMPLICITY IN HUTCHINSON KIDNAPPING. ALSO CHARGED WERE
TWO OTHER REPORTERS, CRISTINO PEREZ AND DOMINGO ORTEGA
CASTILLO (WHOSE COVERAGE OF KIDNAPPING IN LA VOZ DEL PUEBLO
LED POLICE TO BELIEVE THEY HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF KIDNAPPERS
PLANS), A LAWYER, DR. JORGE EMILIO YEARA NASSER, AND SONIA
FONTANA DE MENDEZ, THE WIFE OF KIDNAPPER RADHAMES MENDEZ
VARGAS. ALL SIX ARE IMPRISONED AWAITING TRIAL.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE LA NOTICIA PERSONNEL
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HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF KIDNAPPERS' PLANS, INFORMATION

AVAILABLE TO MEDIA IS AMBIGUOUS. THERE HAS BEEN SHARP
CRITICISM OF THESE ARRESTS IN PRESS AND RADIO. THERE IS
ALSO CRITICISM OF ARRESTS OF THE VOZ REPORTERS AND OF
SRA. MENDEZ AND DR. YEARA. YEARA, IT WILL BE RECALLED, WAS
A PASSENGER ON THE VIASA AIRCRAFT HIGHJACKED IN 1968 BY
MENDEZ VARGAS.
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